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1. In May 1953 a prisoner of war camp, with 300 prisoners, was at CU-495675 near Tokchi (N 39-27, E 127-15) (CU-4967). These prisoners were engaged in reconstruction work on various railroads and were guarded by 30 North Korean soldiers.
2. In May 1953 a prisoner of war camp, with 250 prisoners, was in buildings surrounded by barbed wire at CU-507783 near P'ungyang-ni (N 39-33, E 125-10) (CU-5078).¹ These prisoners were engaged in railroad construction work and were guarded by 35 North Korean soldiers.
3. In May 1953 a prisoner of war camp, with 300 prisoners, was in a barbed wire compound at CV-739193 near Hamhung. These prisoners were engaged in construction work in the Hamhung area and were guarded by 30 North Korean soldiers.
4. In May 1953 a prisoner of war camp, with 500 prisoners, was at DV-271341 near Mangch'on (N 40-04, E 128-08) (DV-2734). These prisoners were engaged in construction work and had been in the area for one year. They were billeted in village houses which were still occupied by the owners. Fifty North Korean soldiers, armed with PPSh's and 11-mm. sub-machine guns, guarded the prisoners, and whenever one escaped, the entire area was alerted. The prisoners wore North Korean army clothing without prisoner of war markings and were issued four hops and seven chak of rice per day.² They attended Communist indoctrination classes 3 to 4 hours a night, approximately 15 times each month.

1. Comment. According to information from another report, a prisoner of war camp for ROK soldiers was at CU-515775 as of 1 June 1953.
2. Comment. One hop is equivalent to .16 quart or 10 chak.

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